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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5503**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CERTAIN STATE CAMPUSES.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill designates each state-owned campus that has an acute care hospital on the premises (i.e., John Dempsey Hospital on the UConn Health Center (UCHC) campus) as the primary service area (PSA) responder for that campus. By law, an individual injured on campus must wait for the current PSA responder (based on the severity of the emergency) to be dispatched in order to transport the patient to the appropriate hospital. In practice, this requires a private ambulance service to transport some patients to John Dempsey Hospital. The bill would allow the UCHC fire department to treat and transport such a patient.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22 Nay 4 (03/21/2014)